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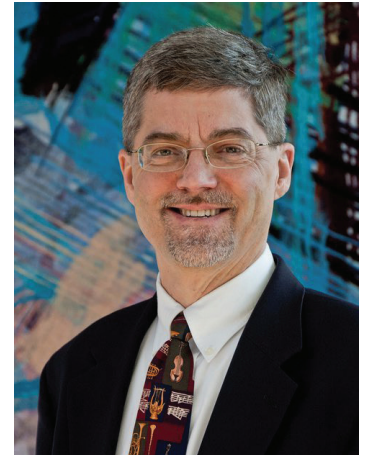
Deans' Mixtures

The Lehigh Valley is a wonderful place to live, not least because of all the arts activities that go on. Between the colleges, churches, museums, and other arts organizations there really is a lot to experience in “our fair cities.”

Sunday, February 21 was such a day for me. It started at 2:00 p.m. at Central Moravian Church, where four students at Moravian College (Becky Kleintop Owens, teacher) played a delightful recital for a receptive audience. It continued at 4:00 p.m. at The Cathedral Church of the Nativity, with Evelyn Stewart, soprano, singing beautifully (especially the sequence of Spirituals) and accompanied by Stephen Williams and Robert Ormesher.

Take a look at all the events in the calendar in this newsletter — there really is a lot going on. I encourage you, even in this busy season, to take time to

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March Meeting

Marathon Recital — Bach Plus

LVAGO members and guests present
works of Bach and his circle

Sunday, March 13, 2016, 3:00 to 7:00 pm
Egner Memorial Chapel, Muhlenberg College, Allentown

Dean's Mixtures

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be a listener, not a performer. It is an important way we can refresh ourselves, and perhaps come up with some new ideas to try.

To that end, I hope to see you at our March Marathon on March 13, 3:00 -- 7:00 p.m. at Egner Chapel, Muhlenberg College. It will be Bach, but more, and there is more information in this newsletter.

Then, I hope you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter, and that you lead your people well in songs of praise, lament, and victory!

Michael Krentz, Dean

March Meeting



The Marathon Recital this March will go beyond just the works of J.S. Bach. While the list of works of Bach seems endless, there are many composers who also relate to him through their work and studies, style, composition technique, and the list goes on. Our hope is to highlight those relationships, however close or broad they may be. Performers on March 13 will begin at 3:00 pm, and musicians playing include Lou Carol Fix, Lehigh Valley Horn Ensemble, Michael Krentz, Pauline Fox and Joe Dorsch, and Tom Dressler. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door.

Coming Soon (We Hope)

Your LVAGO Executive Board is working on reviving our used music library – the library will be housed at

a central location, and members will be able to stop by and browse “gently used” music. We hope to have the location finalized by the time of our next newsletter.

So, if you have music to donate, we will happily receive it in the very near future!

Nominating Committee

It is the time of the year when we will be looking for people willing to serve in leadership of our chapter. Each year we elect our officers (Dean, Sub-Dean, Secretary, and Treasurer) to a one year term, and two board members to three year terms.

If you are interested in serving, please contact your Dean or any member of the Executive Board.

March/April Concerts

March 1 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital**; Thomas Dressler, Associate for Traditional Worship, FPCA; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

March 6 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Ian Tomesch, organ**; University Organist, Lehigh University; Packer Memorial Church, Bethlehem; Freewill offering

March 6 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; **Vox Philia**; Reading area choral ensemble conducted by David McConnell; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation

March 8 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital**; Mark Laubach, St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, Principal Organist ; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

March 13 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; **Music Among Friends**; Singers and Instrumentalists under the direction of Lucille Kincaid; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem; Freewill offering

March 15 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm; **Lenten Organ Recital**; Stephen Williams, Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Organist/Director of Music; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Freewill offering

April 1 (Friday) 7:30 pm; **SATORI**; Baroque to 21st Century Music; Nora Suggs, flute; Rebecca Brown, Violin, David Moulton, cello; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Tickets: 610-435-6036

April 16 (Saturday) 7:30 pm; **Pennsylvania Sinfonia**

Orchestra; Allen Birney, Artistic Director; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Tickets: 610-434-7811
April 17 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; Spirituals, Songs, and Stories; Grace Spruiell Hochella, soprano and storyteller; Ken Purcell, guitar and piano; Christ Lutheran Church, Allentown; Freewill offering
April 24 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; Song, Love, Light; Concord Chamber Singers, featuring John Rutter's *Magnificat*; St. John's UCC, Nazareth; Admission: Tickets \$25 \$10 with student ID
April 24 (Sunday) 3:00 pm; Lehigh University Soloists and Chamber Ensembles; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Bethlehem; Freewill Offering
April 24 (Sunday) 4:00 pm; The Meistersingers; From Southern Lehigh High School, Matthew Wehr, conductor; Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem; \$10 Donation
April 30 (Saturday) 7:30 pm; The Camerata Singers; A Festival of Choral Music, Allen Birney, Artistic Director; First Presbyterian Church, Allentown; Tickets: 610-434-7811

Looking Ahead: April

Sunday April 24 at 2pm
 Nativity Lutheran Church, Allentown

The April meeting will feature a choral workshop directed by Michael Kemp. Mr. Kemp is an internationally respected clinician, composer, and author. His newest book is *Rejuvenating Senior Voices* published by GIA. Vocal techniques for choir directors and singers will be the focus for the afternoon. The day will conclude with a public hymn and anthem festival starting at 5:30 pm.



POE+ in Harrisburg

On July 10-14, 2016, the Harrisburg Chapter is hosting the only POE+ in the nation at the beautiful campus of Messiah College, Grantham, PA. For more information please see the accompanying flyer. You may also visit www.harrisburgago.org or www.agohq.org.

February Meeting



The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the AGO and Central Moravian Church co-sponsored the program *An Organ Concert: Organ Students of Moravian College* at Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem, PA, on Sunday, February 21, 2016. The program featured performances by four Moravian College students; and the Rt. Rev. Hopeton Clennon, Senior Pastor at Central Moravian, welcomed everyone, after which all sang an opening hymn. The college students included Luke DiGiacinto who opened and closed the concert with works by Marchand, Buxtehude, Wagner and Pierne; Emily Brands with Vivaldi/Bach and German; Matthew Obszarny with Brahms; and Patrick Oswald with Langlais, Pinkham, and Karg-Elert. Each student prefaced their performance with informative remarks about the pieces they played. Thanks goes to Rebecca Kleintop Owens, Director of Music at Central Moravian Church, for hosting and organizing the program.

Organist Substitute List

Going forward the LVAGO board has decided to have the Organist Substitute List published in the monthly newsletter. If you would like to be included in this list please forward your Name, Contact Information (phone/email) and Availability (Sundays, weekdays, etc) to Stephen Bueker, 2520 Clark Place, Easton, PA 18040; sfbueker@rcn.com.

Robin Bidwell	Saturday	302 593-0401
Ruthann Brandt	Mon--Sat	610 262-3304
Thomas Busteed	Mon--Sat	570-856-2078
Janice Butz	Mon--Fri	610 882-9388
Stephen Cable	Mon--Sat	484-866-6019
Kathleen Comito	Sun--Sat	610 866-4883

V. Mark Dennis	Mon--Sat	610 867-0385
Valerie Derstine	Mon--Fri	215 536-3020
Carol Dzurenda	Sun and Sat	215 538-7273
Ellen Erb	Saturday	610 837-7426
Muriel Folk	Sun--Sat	610 438-8556
Sr. Doris Gonzalez	Thurs--Sat	610 438-3152
Gail Hanzl	Mon--Sat	610 264-5859
Michael Huffman	Mon--Sat	610 433-6563
Joe Kaczmarek	Sun--Fri	484 433-4336
Jacqueline Kuba	Mon--Sat	570 386-4480
Michael Kuhnert	Mon--Sat	215-536-4345
Andrew Long	Mon--Fri	610 704-7805
Bud Martin	Sun--Sat	610 258-1196
James Matz	Sun--Sat	610 367-8094
Linda Maule	Mon--Sat	610 258-5006
John McEnerney	Sun--Fri	215 794-7338
Richard McIntyre	Mon--Sat	908-282-4691
Randall Perry	Mon--Fri	570 325-9688
Erin Petrella	Mon--Sat	484 863-9052
Shirley Platt	Mon--Sat	610 838-5202
Michael Pletcher	Sun--Sat	610 820-7554
Maria Prochnau	Sun--Sat	610 694-0525
Bruce Rohrbach	T,W,F & Sat	610 683-9496
Karen Scott	May--Sept	610 737-1701
Michael Seroka	Mon--Fri	570 386-2378
Brian Snyder	Mon--Thurs	484 838-0977
Donald Vaughn	Mon--Sat	610 966-0682
Elizabeth Vaughn	Mon--Sat	610 966-0682
Matthew Wary	Mon--Fri	610 473-8777
Stephen Williams	Mon--Fr	610 737-5196
Freda Zimmerman	Sat--Sun	215-698-1331

responsible for Chorale and Sinfonia

Instruments: 3 manual Allen organ

Music budget: \$1500

Weekly attendance: 150 -- 225

Position fill date: ASAP

Deadline: None listed

Total hours per week: 18

Salary: \$19,200 -- \$21,500

Weeks vacation: 2

Benefits: book/music allowance, secretarial assistance, music library assistance

Notes: 2 Services on Sundays — 8:00 and 10:30
Lenten Services Wednesday evenings — 7:00

Organist/Choir Director (2)

Church: Christ Lutheran Church of Lower Saucon
Number: PO Box 153, Hellertown, PA 18055
610-838-7370

Website: www.christlutheranlowersaucon.org

Contact: Marianne Zellner, 610-216-1016
Beachbummez@ptd.net

Weekly services: 1

Ensembles: Adult Choir — 5 to 6, Handbells — 2

Instruments: 3 manual pipe/digital

Music budget: \$200

Weekly attendance: 40 – 50

Position fill date: March 1, 2016

Deadline: February 15, 2016

Total hours per week: 4.75

Salary: \$10,500 – \$11,500

Weeks vacation: 4

Benefits: None

Notes: We prefer a combination of traditional and contemporary hymns and musical offerings. In addition, we wish to rebuild the bell choir and strengthen the adult choir.

Positions Available

Organist/Choir Director (2)

Church: Jordan Evangelical Lutheran Church
5103 Snowdrift Rd., Orefield, Pa. 18069, 610-395-5912

Website: Jordanlutheran.org

Contact: Donna Stark, 610-398-0382
doda1987@rcn.com

Weekly services: 2

Ensembles: Chorale — 25, Canon Choir — 15, Cherubs — 7, Brass Sinfonia — 8, Handbells — 8. Position is

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Placement Service

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Newsletter Deadline

April: Thursday, March 31, 2016